

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-372-F1)**

In re Application of: Welcher et al.)	
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Serial No.: 11/200,389)	Before the Examiner: J. Seharaseyon
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Filed: August 8, 2005)	Group Art Unit: 1647
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For: Interferon-like Molecules and Uses Thereof)	Confirmation No.: 3469
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED DOMESTIC PRIORITY CLAIM

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) and (a)(6) and M.P.E.P. § 201.11, Applicants respectfully submit this Petition for an Unintentionally Delayed Domestic Priority Claim. Applicants' Petition is accompanied by an amendment to the first sentence of the instant application to insert a reference to U.S. Application No. 09/927,850 from which the instant application claims the benefit of priority as a continuation application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present the amendment to the specification at page 2, marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version of the specification. Applicants state that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$1,410.00 for the surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t), to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 1:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/927,850, filed August 10, 2001, which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/724,860, filed on November 8, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/169,720, filed on December 8, 1999, the disclosure of each of which is explicitly incorporated by reference herein.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that this Petition for an Unintentionally Delayed Domestic Priority Claim be granted.

If any Patent Office official believes it to be beneficial, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at 312-913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,
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